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	DISMERY E. MERCEDES	2627	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amend filed 3/16/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-32 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent Claim 1, is allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a storage disk comprising *a servo wedge located at the beginning of the disk sector, the servo wedge having a portion that does not include a zero-frequency field and that is detectable during a spin-up of the disk without a prior detection of a zero-frequency field, and the servo wedge operable to provide an initial position of a read-write prior to any read-write operation head relative to the disk after detection of the portion.*

Independent Claim 3, is allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a storage disk comprising *servo wedges each detectable by a read head upon initial spin-up prior to any read-write operation and each detectable by a read head during a read-write operation to identify a respective disk sector; and no zero-frequency spin-up fields associated with the servo wedges.*

Independent claim 5 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a storage disk comprising *servo wedges detectable without a zero-frequency field upon an initial spin-up located in the disk sectors and each having a pre-synchronization-mark section with substantially the same bit pattern and length as the pre-synchronization-mark section of the other servo wedges; and no servo wedge having a pre-synchronization-mark section*

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with a significantly different bit pattern or a significantly different length as compared to the pre-synchronization-mark section of the other servo wedges, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

Independent claim 8 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a storage disk comprising *the location identifier detectable during a read-write operation and the other portion detectable during a read head positioning operation and detectable during an initial read write head positioning; and no zero-frequency spin-up fields*.

Independent claim 14 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a disk drive system comprising *a processor coupled to the servo channel and operable to detect one of the servo wedges without a zero-frequency field during spin up operation of the disk while or after the disk attains an operating speed but before the servo channel recovers servo data from any other of the servo wedges during a read operation*, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

Independent claim 20 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a disk drive system comprising *a processor coupled to the servo channel and operable to detect the servo wedge without a zero-frequency field during a spin up of the disk and prior to any read operation while or after the disk attains an operating speed but before the servo channel recovers any servo data*, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

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Independent claim 25 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857), taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a method comprising *writing onto the surface of the data-storage disk no zero-frequency spin-up field that is associated with the servo wedge, the no frequency spin-up field operable to coordinate positioning of a read head prior to any read or write operation*, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

Independent claim 29 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857) taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest: *writing a second servo wedge onto the surface of the data-storage disk to define a second disk sector that is operable to store file data, the second servo wedge including third servo data that is operable to identify the second disk sector before a read of file data from or a write of file data to the second disk sector*, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

Independent claim 30 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857) taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a method comprising writing a second servo wedge onto the surface of the data-storage disk to define a second disk sector that is operable to store file data, *the second servo wedge including second servo data that is operable to identify the second disk sector during a read of file data from or a write of file to the second disk sector and wherein the second servo data is operable to identify the second disk sector during the initial positioning of the head over the disk*, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

Independent claim 31 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857) taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a method

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comprising writing a second servo wedge onto the surface of the data-storage disk to define a second disk sector that is operable to store file data, *the second servo wedge including second servo data that is operable to identify the second disk sector during a read of file data from or a write of file to the second disk sector and wherein the second servo data is unable to identify the second disk sector during the initial positioning of the head over the disk*, in combination with the other limitations in the claim.

Independent claim 32 is allowable over the prior art since the cited references, in particular Tuttle et al. (US 5,796,535), Leis et al. (US 5,862,005), Patapoutian et al. (US 5,661,760), Hull et al. (US Patent No. 6, 262, 857) taken alone or in combination do not teach or suggest a storage disk comprising *servo wedges each detectable by a read head upon initial spin-up and identifying a respective data sector upon a non-spin-up operation; and no zero-frequency spin-up fields*.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Heydari et al. (US 7,027,247); Ozdemir (US 7,206,149); Ozdemir (US 7,382,568); Heydari et al. (US 7,430,082); Moran et al. (US 6,738,205); Bergquist et al. (US 6,031,672); Genheimer et al. (US 5,216,343); Tsukada et al. (US 5,379,166); Christiansen et al. (US 6,639,748); Lewis et al. (US 4,424,543); Hertrich (US 4,208,679); Le et al. (US 6,038,097); Emori (US 5,442,499)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DISMERY E. MERCEDES whose telephone number is (571) 272-7558. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, from 7:00am - 3:00pm.

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/Dismery E. Mercedes/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2627